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APPLICANT: Hiroki Kikuchi ATTORNEY DOCKET NO:
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INVENTION: "FOCUSING CONTROL MECHANISM, AND INSPECTION
APPARATUS USING SAME"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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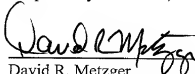
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Please add the following at page 1 between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention."

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application No. P2000-155403 filed May 25, 2000 which application is incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,


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